

Financial Aid: Who gets help? SAC requests more money

by Lisa Redfield

A student walks into SAC's Financial Aid Office and asks about the Student Assistance Program. Senior Clerk Sandy Chairez says with a look of sympathy, "We have no more work/study, but we can get you the basic grant."

While students can still receive the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG), the demand is so high for work/study that according to Ara Boranian, associate dean of Support Services, "We've run out of money."

This has caused much alarm for students who planned on such jobs and for the SAC staff that administers the funds.

To receive top priority the qualified student must complete the Student Aid Application for California (SAAC) by March 1 and submit documentation supporting financial need by Aug. 1. Originally the deadline was June 1, but because of the number of applicants the deadline was extended, Boranian explained.

"I learned through experience that you apply early for financial

aid," commented Gregory Gale, a freshman general studies student. "I went to school in New York and they didn't tell me anything. When I first applied for school in 1977, I didn't get everything together in time."

Gale was awarded work/study, but has not started his school duties yet. "I was referred to a lot of places like the library, but they couldn't take me because of my schedule. I changed my classes around, but by the time I got back, all the jobs were filled," he said.

Placement Director Joe Dias admitted that sometimes there is a problem. "If a student has troubles (with his schedule) we do the best we can. We're not asking the student to give up classes, but we try to make (the experience) close to the real world. It takes a little time, but if the student is flexible we can find a place for them."

An art major who wished to remain anonymous was not as lucky as Gale. She started her application last March and has received the BEOG, but did not get student assistance. "I'm on welfare and if I take a job other than work/study I'll be in violation."

"I sent in my application, but did



EYEING THE CROWD-- President Carter views the audience as Gov. Jerry Brown introduces him at a "Town Hall" meeting in Torrance. Story appears on page 3.

(photo by Pete Maddox)

not hear about the documentation until the middle of July. I got everything in by Aug. 1, but I was put on a waiting list," she said.

"When I called to find out why my evaluation papers were delayed, they said it was mailed out the beginning of June and must have gotten lost in the mail."

Pham Tuoi, a second-year student, also applied in March and received her evaluation papers four weeks later. She is on the work/study program as a secretary. Pham is having a problem with her basic grant because it does not cover the full cost of tuition since she is a nonresident. "I still have to pay \$71 to pay for the full 12 units I'm taking," she lamented.

Gale is also having a problem

with receiving his basic grant. "I went in to check on it last week and they told me that I'm not a registered student. They had written down the wrong I.D. number. I won't get my grant until October. If something doesn't happen soon, I'll have to drop out of school. I'm looking at jobs everywhere now."

"We look at students who are the most needy and then see who applied first," said Boranian. "Those are the federal guidelines and we have to follow them."

The school is trying to find more money. "I'm trying to get at least a telephone commitment from the state for recycled funds so more jobs will be open," stated Boranian.

Dias reiterated, "Between 180 to

190 jobs are available and most of those are filled. If we get more money then we'll be able to take on more students."

"Mistakes may have been made and we are not going to try to hide them. We are doing the best we can and the staff has been wonderful," commented Boranian.

Dias added, "We have difficulty placing some people because of lack of skills and have taken on students with limited English and trained them. This is supposed to be a learning experience."

Students at SAC have run into government regulations and red tape delaying financial aid, but more money may soon be available.

Questions of validity arise from attendance guidelines

by Laura Mencum

Here today and gone tomorrow.

This familiar phrase has developed a new meaning in Santa Ana College's Attendance Office.

Some SAC students feel that they shouldn't have to attend every class on a regular basis as mandated by the school's policy in order to get by with satisfactory grades. "If a student can accomplish what the teacher requires by only attending a minimum of days, then I don't feel like there should be attendance requirements," Ken Hinegardner, a political science major, said.

"If you're a responsible person, you'll go to class if you feel like you need to," business major Mike Shanahan said. "An irresponsible person is probably going to screw around even if he does go to class."

But the administrators disagree. If a student is going to learn, Dr. Harold Bateman, dean of Admissions, said, "he should attend every class."

Student Gary Flover too feels there should be some sort of policy. "We should have it (attendance requirements), otherwise we wouldn't be fully informed. Even copying notes doesn't have the same effect as actually being there."

So what happens if a student chooses not to attend class? "Since this isn't high school," Dr. Richard Sneed, vice president of Academic Affairs, pointed out, "we don't have truant officers" to literally drag pupils back to school.

Instead SAC has adopted a system that allows the student some breathing room.

"If a student misses one more than three weeks of class he must be dropped," Bateman explained, adding that the teacher also has the authority to drop a student for missing one session more than the number of class hours for one week. "The teacher has the leeway to make that decision."

Another option that some teachers use is joining attendance with ability. "Bona fide participation means maximum attendance," English instructor John Hurley, noted. "A teacher should be able to (count attendance as part of the grade) as long as he makes it clear at the beginning of the semester."

"I think it depends entirely on the class," Sneed said. "In performance classes such as foreign language or swimming, attendance is quite critical."

Students agree that this is the exception. "If grades are based on participation, naturally you're going to have to go to class," Tami Cole, general education major, said, but she also believes that "grades should be based on work, not presence."

Dr. Shifra Goldman, an art instructor, said, "I do not strictly enforce any attendance. Though Goldman stays within the guidelines for excessive absences, she does not agree that any part of a grade should be based on non-attendance. "I treat my students as adults. They have the responsibility to get the work if they miss class."

George Jackson, a business major, said, "If the work is made up, that should be taken into consideration." Jackson believes that the purpose for students is to learn material, even if it only takes outside work. "If you know the material, I think it's only fair that you get the grade you deserve."

Cole questions students who feel they can get by without attending school. "If the class is that easy where you don't need to go, you should probably be in a higher, more difficult class. It's supposed to be a challenge."

No matter what the case may be, attendance is detrimental to the college system. "We have to report absences to the V.A. (Veteran's Administration) and to Social Security," Bateman noted.

"If attendance wasn't critical," Sneed concluded, "we wouldn't have an attendance policy."

Library materials destroyed by students

by Ted Wolf

The SAC library has been subjected to sporadic destruction for approximately the last year and a half.

A few unknown students have been doodling in, cutting and stealing articles and coupons out of magazines and periodicals.

"We know that some students want to save money by cutting out coupons in the magazines, but there are students out there who feel their rights are being violated," said librarian Kelly Powell.

Statistically, nine out of every 10 pieces of literature destroyed are magazines. "We must remember that current magazines are to be read in the periodical reading room," stated Powell. This causes a problem for those who can't

spend time reading in Nealley Library.

Powell reiterates that the destruction of literature is isolated to a minute percentage of the students and that the uncalled for behavior has been improving. "We haven't had the problems (with graffiti) in the bathrooms like we used to," smiled Powell.

Powell does not want to be negative about the vandalism. She simply suggests that the xerox machine would be much more altruistic.

It is very difficult for Powell and her fellow librarians to catch the magazine bandits in action. Powell admits that there are ways to work around the electronic monitoring device.

Nevertheless, Powell emphasizes that any suggestions from the student body or faculty will be most thoroughly appreciated.

Circle K at Street Fair

The Circle K Club will be selling Polish sausage sandwiches at the Santa Ana Street Fair. The fair will be held the weekend of Oct. 10-12 on Broadway between First and Fourth Streets.

Circle K's proceeds will go toward aiding the Albert Sitton Home in Orange. This home temporarily shelters abused and neglected children until the courts decide if they should be placed into foster homes or be returned to their parents.

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Students enter SAC via counselor's gate

by Ken Lamb

Entrance into various types of institutions and organizations frequently requires some form of a rite of passage.

The Marine Corps has its strenuous boot camp; fraternities offer a "Rush Week" and Santa Ana College has what is known as Orientation.

The orientation sessions were developed as a result of Title 5 of the Education Code. Section 51502 requires that "the counseling services shall provide to each first-time freshman . . . who is enrolled in more than six units, special individual or group counseling and guidance."

David Guzman, dean of Counseling, stated that the "goal of the orientation sessions is to raise the student's level of awareness and to help them make better decisions."

The 25-minute orientation session consists of the students receiving registration materials and their test scores. They then view the "Don Pride" slide presentation which provides information on the programs and services available at SAC.

After the orientation, the students are divided into groups and meet with a counselor and a peer adviser. During this time, the students determine which classes to take and plan their schedule. When their program is signed by a counselor, the students go to the library to register.

Students who participated in the orientation process had mixed viewpoints on the effectiveness of the program. Jackie Graham, who graduated from Villa Park High last June, stated, "I liked the orientation, but I could have done the same thing."

Graham did recommend the orientation for other new students. "It's a good idea to go through it if you have questions or problems," she said.

Joann Yeandle, a transfer student from Orange Coast College, stated, "As far as I know, OCC doesn't have an orientation. Here you know where you're supposed to be. There were people there that didn't know what they wanted and they got the help they needed."

A student from Orange High, Manny Leon, was satisfied with the orientation. "I was able to talk to a counselor. Other places just have student advisers," said Leon.

A chemical engineering major, Chuck Stierstorfer, who is re-entering school after an absence of 12 years, had a different point of view. "It was not very beneficial," asserted Stierstorfer. "A lot of the information in the slide show had no bearing and we were hustled through the group upstairs (counseling session). I still have questions."

Stierstorfer also mentioned that the sound track of the slide presentation was not in sync.

Another re-entry student, Lori Evans, also complained about the presentation. "It put too strong of an emphasis on the various trades offered at SAC. If someone just came here and saw the film, they would think that learning trades was all SAC has to offer."

Rosie Delgado, from Santa Ana High, said that "the only thing the counselors did was to tell you where to find the right ticket number. I expected more than that."

Referring to the registration that takes place in the library, Harold Bateman, dean of Admissions, explained that "we needed more counselors and peer advisers to handle the large crowd that came through."

Peer adviser Idis Orlandi also expressed Bateman's concern. "At times we were understaffed," stated Orlandi. "On the last day of registration, which was a time of chaos, only one counselor and myself were there to help the confused students. Even though I'm not supposed to, I was doing the job of a counselor, but what else could I do in that situation?"

Every form of a rites of passage has its good and bad qualities. SAC's version, according to the students who participated, is no different.



WANNA JOIN? -- Club Information Day was held on campus Wednesday. Representatives from various clubs throughout the school gathered on

the mall to recruit more members. The event ran from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(photo by Jeanine Hill)

Hearing on Dr. Gloria begins; decision rests on court officer

by Lisa Redfield

The Board of Trustees of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) contend that Dr. Leroy Gloria, a fulltime SAC counselor served as a paid substitute teacher for the Tustin Unified School District while scheduled to work for the district.

A public hearing was set for yesterday to determine if Dr. Gloria will be dismissed from the college.

The matter was brought up at last Monday's meeting and referred to a motion introduced by board member Rudy Montejano. The motion stated that the trustees would have the final decision concerning Gloria, but it was amended to comply with Government Regulation Code 87678 which states that an administrative hearing officer decide.

According to SAC President Bill Wenrich, "The board will follow the officer's recommendation."

Gloria's attorney, Paul Crost, said that the longtime SAC counselor "did not work his

schedule all the time, but he did work at other times when he was not scheduled."

Wenrich stated that was improper. "You can't say for example that I have students scheduled for 10 o'clock and then say you can't see them until 3. It just doesn't work that way. The students are our first responsibility," he explained.

Some people came to the meeting to speak on behalf of Gloria. One was Jose Vargas, a local police officer and journalist. "The Hispanic youths look up to him as a hero and if he is dismissed, they will not keep quiet," he warned.

Crost complained that his client had not been treated fairly. "He was never given a warning," he pointed out.

Wenrich said that it is his feeling though that "you don't give warnings for dishonesty. If someone steals from a department store you don't give him a warning."

Montejano reaffirmed his motion of last April and entered the amendment to clarify.

Crost broke in and said the motion was out of order and

Montejano again said that it was to clarify the board's position.

"The board is not acting properly with this amendment. It's not good procedure," Crost stated.

"You have to rescind the former motion before making a new one," Crost said. SAC's attorney, Spencer Crost, then came before the board and said the motion was "legally sufficient." The board unanimously passed the amendment.

Crost came before the board one more time to tell them that because of Gloria's schedule, he would not have an opportunity to meet with him. "He requested to be released from the college today (Monday) at 3 and on Wednesday he is to work from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. I need time to meet with him," Crost expounded.

Wenrich stated that he was not released on Monday because "student's needs come first," and he had appointments. Wenrich also said that the schedule had been mutually agreed on by David Guzman, dean of Counseling, and Gloria.

The hearing began yesterday in the Board Meeting Room and is expected to continue today.

News briefs

Students to show art

SAC artists will display their endeavors in the Santa Ana College Art Gallery Oct. 1-24.

Photographs from the G. Ray Hawkins Gallery will also be shown.

An opening reception will be held Tuesday, Sept. 30 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Humanities Building foyer.

Run slated Oct. 12

The second annual "Run Your Art Out" five- and 10-kilometer run will take place Sunday, Oct. 12 at the Newporter Inn Hotel in Newport Beach.

The event, which offers awards for the top finishers in 11 age categories, will benefit the Newport Harbor Art Museum.

The five-kilometer run is scheduled to begin at 7:30 and the 10-kilometer run will begin at 8 a.m. After the runners have finished, there will be an awards ceremony and Oktoberfest featuring a raffle with prizes and free drinks in the Museum Sculpture Garden.

All are invited to enter and entries will be accepted until the start of the race.

For more information call John Blair, race director, at (714) 546-3663.

Grape Stomp held today

Jim Galla and Steve Fredericks, two members of the SAC basketball team, have been chosen to compete with between 25 and 35 two-man teams entered in the Southern California Wine Stomp.

The grape-stomping competition, which offers a

total of \$1,800 in cash prizes, will take place today at noon on the Marina Lawn in the Water Wonderland area of the Disneyland Hotel. The public is invited to attend.

Any prize money won by the SAC representatives will go to the SAC Scholarship Foundation. The top three teams from this competition will be eligible to enter the World Championship Wine Stomp at the Sonoma Country Fair in October.

Forensics goes to Biola

SAC's speech team, under the direction of instructors Ken Turknette and Mary Lewis, will be attending its first activity of the year tomorrow at Biola College.

Varsity speakers from throughout Southern California colleges will compete. SAC's members will enter all the events, including debate and reader's theatre.

Turknette invites interested students to attend.

Students to get counsel

Commencing this week, the Southern California Law Center will provide an attorney on campus one afternoon and one evening per week at SAC.

Also, for those students who are considering a career in law, the center will provide an attorney who will offer guidance and direction in this field.

By calling 835-3000 ext. 395, 488 between 8 a.m.-5 p.m., it is possible to arrange for a free 30-minute consultation with an attorney. After hours and for emergency problems please call 972-4801.

SAC's enrollment up Increase linked to unemployment

by Tim Rosnagle

When faced with unemployment and boredom many seem to be turning to gaining an education as evidenced by the fact that SAC has reached its highest enrollment ever.

By Sept. 22, the total had soared to 17,031 and it is expected to reach 18,000 before registration officially ends, according to Dr. Harold H. Bateman, dean of Admissions, Records and Research.

When asked why the enrollment has jumped this semester, Bateman responded, "Since the economy is not booming, jobs are not as readily found. This causes more people to come back to school."

Other reasons cited by Bateman for the increase are the greater number of classes offered by SAC and an extra marketing effort.

Although attendance is up twice the four to five percent that had been projected, there have been no major problems in handling the additional students.

The main reason for this, according to Bateman, is that so many of the classes are held in off-campus facilities throughout the district.

Robert Partridge, assistant dean of Evening Programs and Security, when asked about the effect of increased enrollment of security, said, "We have our normal compliment of officers performing the usual amount of services."

At the Extended Opportunity Program and Services offices, Ida Rotcher, the coordinator, explained, "The biggest impact for us has been the jump in the Indochinese population (10,000) at the school, since a great deal of them use our programs." Rotcher went on to say that so far they have been able to deal with all the students except for a few book loans which had to be denied.

New Horizons facilitator Shirley Stoabs is very excited about the greater number of students at SAC. When queried about the effect it has had on the New Horizons programs, she exclaimed, "We have turned away crowds at our seminars. During the first week and a half of school, 686 people attended personal growth seminars, which is great!"

After being asked if SAC seemed crowded to him, Greg Ovalle, a freshman student, responded, "The only problems I've come across have been a crowded parking lot, long lines at the bookstore and the bad food in the snack shop."

Scott Stepien, another freshman, added, "Also the bookstore is sold out of some of the books I need."

On whether or not the increased enrollment will hold any benefit for SAC, Virginia Highmen, a second-year biology major, optimistically commented, "Hopefully the school can get some more money now for its educational programs."

Carter visits Torrance for 'Town Hall' meeting

by Pete Maddox



ADDRESSING THE ISSUES-- Carter responded to questions from the audience for 45 minutes. Topics included inflation, the debates and the draft.

(photo by Pete Maddox)

In his 26th "Town Hall" meeting, President Jimmy Carter fielded questions from an enthusiastic crowd of over 1,300 at North High School in Torrance last Monday.

Questions ranged between his absence from the first debate between Governor Ronald Reagan and Independent candidate John Anderson to the ill-fated B-1 bomber.

In defense of his absence, Carter said he wanted to first have a "one-on-one, man-to-man debate with Governor Reagan." Then, he would have "no objection to a debate with both Anderson and Reagan."

When asked if he watched the debate, Carter broke up the crowd with his quick reply, "How do you know I didn't watch Midnight Express?"

When questioned about his support of the educational system in this country, the President, who started his public career in 1955 as a school board member, praised his accomplishments. Citing a 73 percent increase in federal funds available to education since his administration took office, he said even more was to come.

Carter told of a \$2 billion Youth Bill which is in the Congress now that will "make sure graduates will be matched with jobs that are open in their community."

Carter went on to explain the strides made in the field of education, stating that now, "any young man or woman can go to college . . . regardless of the income level or the social status of the net worth of their family."

Turning to energy, Carter claimed that Americans today face greater challenges and opportunities than they did when they made the commitment to place the first man on the moon. With the importing of OPEC oil, Carter said, "we have been importing inflation and unemployment. And we've exported the economic power that it takes to create jobs and a better life for

the American people."

However, optimistically, Carter stated that the US will, this year, import 1½ to 2 million barrels of oil per day less than last year. And, that as of this year, there are 10 times as many homes using solar power as there were four years ago.

In answering a question about the B-1 bomber, Carter defended his position, which was to cancel the project. He explained that the Soviet Union had spent billions of dollars developing ground-controlled radar and anti-aircraft weapons that made the B-1 obsolete. Instead, he said, he wanted to deploy air-launched cruise missiles which would be capable of delivering a warhead without the possibility of the loss of an American pilot. He summed up his position in a well-rehearsed statement, "The best weapon one that's never fired in combat . . . and the best soldier is the one that never dies in combat because we're strong enough to keep the peace."

The question most likely to be asked in these times by people at a local high school came next, concerning the draft. Carter stated emphatically that he could see "no draft in the foreseeable future." He then went on to talk about the registration program and claimed that 93 percent of those persons who were ordered to sign up for the draft registration did so in the initial period. And, he said, "thousands are signing up each day, bringing the percentage even higher."

The President said the registration of young people would also benefit the volunteer Army system because 15 percent of those registering had asked to receive further information about the military.

All in all, it was a good beginning for the President, who was kicking off a two-day campaign swing through California. Governor Jerry Brown had introduced him at the North High gathering and he was on his way to address the California Labor Federation. There, he was to give a show of unity with Brown and Senator Edward Kennedy, both his adversaries just a few months ago.

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"Tokyo String Quartet"
(Bus departs from Phillips Hall at 6 p.m.)</p> <p>September 27
"Stress or Distress - The Choice is Yours"
(D-101 9 a.m.-4 p.m.)</p> <p>"Time and Self Management: Me Time!"
(Faculty Study 9:30-noon)</p> <p>September 27 - October 31
"American Astronomy"
(Tessmann Planetarium)</p> <p>September 28 - December 14
"Beginning Clogging"
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"Publish Your Own Book or Publication"
(Faculty Study 7-10 p.m.)</p> <p>October 1
"P.S. You're Not Listening"
(Faculty Study 12:30-2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>"Time and Self Management: Me Time!"
(Faculty Study 5:30-7 p.m.)</p> <p>October 1 - 22
"Growing Together:
How to Enjoy Your Marriage and Mate"
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"Photography Exhibit"
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(W-101 6-7 p.m.)</p> <p>"Dog Obedience Training"
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ASB BBQ and Concert
(Campus Mall 12-1 p.m.)</p> <p>"Benny Goodman and Sextet"
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Santo and College Library

Work-study? Grant program troubled

Santa Ana College is having its problems with the work-study program. A letter to the Editor (el Don, Sept. 19, 1980) from Diane Elliott claimed that 80 percent of the grants under that program had been awarded to Southeast Asians. If anything, that estimate is at least a few percentage points below the actual numbers.

The problems began when the Financial Aid Office failed to notify continuing students of a change in the methods used in determining eligibility for the grants. A new first-come, first-served system was instituted which depleted the program rapidly. Of those applying first, those who were "most needy" received priority.

When the state legislature killed attempts to reinstate the 1975 Tuition Exemption Act for refugees, the "most needy" category was greatly increased for the Indo-Chinese. Therefore, the grants were reviewed and a disproportionate amount awarded to the Southeast Asians.

Unfortunately, the returning students were too late when they applied and were turned down. Many of these students had been counting on continuing their work-study program to help them through their final year at SAC.

Other problems have arisen as a result of the changes in the system. Many staff members have found themselves with work-study assistants who speak very limited English. Many of them have no skills and no transportation.

Unfortunately, the Indo-Chinese refugees seem to be receiving the blame for the problems. These problems were created by interference from the state and poor decisions made in the Financial Aid Offices, not the Southeast Asians. No student, Asian, black, white or any other nationality or color would turn down a grant if that person needed the money.

Additional funds (\$250,000) have been requested, but will not be received until the end of the year (if they are approved). Unless some means of assistance is found, many students will be forced to end their studies at SAC. And, since they were counting on continuing their work-study grants to finish out the year, something must be done immediately.

It is suggested that affected students attend the next meeting of the Board of Trustees and demand the Trustees deal with the issue in a public session. Surely, there is some way the school can come up with the funds to help out the students it has unfairly denied a work-study grant.

el Don

A right, a privilege, and an obligation

People who live in the United States have the right to vote. They also have the right not to vote. Unfortunately, too many have opted for the latter course in recent years.

This trend has been accelerating rather than slackening since the 1972 Presidential election. It was thought at one time that lowering the voting age would have a significant impact upon the electoral process.

It hasn't. Americans from the ages of 18 to 30 are below the national average when it comes to registering and subsequently voting.

Perhaps this right to vote is taken a little too much for granted. It's a franchise given at birth. One doesn't have to earn it. It's there. But it isn't everywhere. Nobody votes in Libya or Chile. They're planning an election for Nicaragua, long the personal fief of recently assassinated former dictator Anastasio Somoza -- in 1985.

People vote regularly in Russia, and they always get a choice. Either they can vote for the Communist Party or they can vote for the Communist Party.

Voting is a privilege as well as a right and should be recognized as such. The U.S. government is based on a system of checks and balances. The final check supposedly rests with the legislative branch, since they have the power to impeach and remove from office members of the executive and judicial branches as well as Congressmen and Senators.

But the final check really rests with the people, for they decide which representatives are returned to office and which are not. If one doesn't believe a chance to vote for a certain candidate is a privilege, then certainly the opportunity to vote against him is.

There is no legal obligation to vote placed upon American citizens. Rather, it is a moral in nature. Can anyone criticize or praise our government's leaders in good conscience if they failed to take the time to cast a vote for or against them?

Participation in the electoral process is diminishing. When only half of the people vote, it takes only 26 percent of the population to make decisions for the whole. That is hardly majority rule -- one of the principles this country was founded on.

There is a voter registration drive taking place at SAC right now. It doesn't require much effort to fill out a card and visit a polling place on election day, Nov. 4. Do it.

el Don

Bring in the old; jazz up the new

by Tom Cooper

So you're a cake-eater with some spizzertinkum -- no sofa lizard, you -- who's ready to go press the bricks and applebutter some barbecue into a furp.

So you spudge around, glom a nice little piece of furniture and ask her how about a hop toad, hoping she won't think you're a schmendrick who deserves a five-of-clubs in the bazoo.

Good, pungent, picturesque slang died in the '70s. There have been no fresh new phrases or descriptive words coined since the days of long hair and drugs and down-with-the-establishment.

Perhaps you may think the catch-phrases of trendy Togetherness Chic that waited up from the group therapeutic hot tubs of Marin County are not really proper English, and as such could be classified as slang.

Well, "find my own space," "get it together," "I can relate to," and "I hear what you're saying" certainly aren't proper English.

But then I wouldn't call a

peculiar set of dialectics, that's basically self-serving in nature, slang, either.

So as a kind of public service I poked through a dictionary of American slang and came up with the following anachronisms. Perhaps they can be dusted off and used to revive our tired language.

A favorite activity at SAC is something called lawn duty. People on lawn duty sit on the grass somewhere watching the people who pass by. Comments, either acerbic or favorable, are made about those who walk past out of range of hearing.

Let's I sound like a sexist pig. I should point out that the following terms of endearment can be applied to men as well as women. Why bother with old chestnuts like, "What a fox!" when you can use a new chestnut like poundcake, sweet-pea, squab, chi-chi, tomato, raggle, hot baby, hot tamale or zazzle? If nothing else, you can get a giggle out of the sound of these words.

If you don't like someone's

looks, call him or her a cold biscuit, rutabaga, scow, gazooney or Melvin.

Another favorite activity is drinking. We know that when students choose to drink, they always do so responsibly. But you might come across someone's who's had a whole lot too much and wonder what to term his condition. Take your pick from: petrified, ossified, paralyzed, pickled, corned, scraunched, sozzled, swazzled, wall-eyed, woofled or bongoed. They're all fresher and more picturesque than plain old "drunk."

Say what you will. I'm going to get out of this Port Arthur tuxedo, hit the grit and get my biscuit hooks into a hop toad at O'Hara's Pub.

So you're a ladies' man with some vigor -- not a male student who stays at home because he's too cheap to spend money on a date -- who's ready to walk around and smooth-talk an attractive woman into a date.

So you move fast, see a good-looking woman, and ask her to have a drink with you, hoping she won't think you're an oaf who deserves a fist in the mouth.

Just what in the hell is going on around here?

As we embark upon a new academic year, I pose a few friendly questions:

1. Who owns the Don Bookstore?
2. While I know that textbook sales are limited, who determines the pricing and or markups?
3. Why do I have to pay more for basic supplies (notebooks, pencils, etc.) at the Don Bookstore?
4. Who is responsible for the ridiculous "buy-back" policy, wherein a pristine textbook suddenly depreciates even though it has not been used during the first week of class?
5. How much profit (if any) does the Don bookstore generate per annum?

The bookstore is actually losing business. Why? Because students

have to go elsewhere (at least if they are gemology students) to buy technical instruments required by instructors.

P.S. This letter is not meant to reflect unfavorably on the bookstore personnel, as they are very helpful and probably underpaid.

Sign me --
Class of '81
Tom Goodwin

Ed. Note: The bookstore's response prepared by Director of Auxiliary Services Ron Sabo and bookstore manager Marge Stuart, can be found on page 5. (If you want to know just what the hell is going on here, write el Don, C-201 and we'll forward your question to the appropriate administrator and the answer will appear on the editorial page of el Don.



by Pete Maddox

From the Lion's Den Student government sponsors 'Attorney on Campus' program

Students requiring legal assistance can now receive it on campus. And, the first 30-minute consultation is free.

The Southern California Law Center has contracted with Santa Ana College to provide an attorney on campus between the hours of 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday evenings. However, appointments are necessary to insure that an attorney will be present. If no appointments are scheduled for a given afternoon or evening, the attorney may not be available.

The free consultation period is also open to students who wish vocational counseling and advice on a career in law.

According to Cheryl Schuck, executive director of the Law Center and SAC student, attorneys will be available to assist students with landlord/tenant problems, criminal matters, domestic relations, immigration matters and personal injury cases. Many other areas of legal counseling are available, such as workers compensation and bankruptcy.

A 24-hour hotline is now open to the students of SAC should they find themselves in need some night. The number is 972-4801. If a student needs legal assistance and calls that number, all he or she must do is give the attorney their student perm number and explain what happened.

One thing which the "Attorney on Campus" program cannot provide is legal advice in matters which might mean an action against the college. In such a case, the student will be advised that the contract requires the case be handled by someone

other than the attorneys working in the on-campus program.

A fee schedule is on file with Don McCain, dean of Student Activities. This schedule of fees is based on a student whose income is under \$500 per month. For those over \$500 per month, a sliding scale will be used to determine the fees.

Schuck says the program is convenient and offers a financial advantage to SAC students.

McCain explained that the services were also available to staff and faculty members, though the contract has no provision for such an agreement.

McCain also mentioned that the ASB (student government) has sponsored the legal clinic and has agreed to give up its office space for the consultations. He further stated, "Anyone who needs an appointment should contact the Activities Office (ext 488)."

When asked the purpose of the new program, McCain said, "We want to be able to provide good, comprehensive legal service to our students at the best possible price."

While I am enthusiastic about the new program, I must also voice one caution. Since the attorneys will not be referring students to other lawyers, students should make sure they want to follow any course of action suggested before they make a decision.

This is not to say anything that would in any way question the integrity of the program. It is simply to insure that students realize the attorneys will be there to get business. And, as in any legal matter, one should be sure he wants to follow the path suggested before contracting large sums of money to the effort.

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SAC Opinion Poll: Election 1980

Voters skeptical

"The ability to be cool, confident, and decisive is not an inherited characteristic but is the direct result of how well the individual has prepared himself" These words, spoken by a famous politician not long ago, certainly do not reflect the feelings of potential SAC voters this election year.

Although 71 percent of the 100 students polled declared that they would indeed be casting ballots in November, 27 percent stated that they were still undecided about whom they would be voting for. Many of these people commented that they were looking forward to seeing the debates, while others simply proclaimed that they "didn't know" and "really didn't care" because it wouldn't make that much difference.

When questioned about the candidates' views concerning foreign, domestic and economic policies, approximately 20 percent claimed to "not know very much about politics."

GOP hopeful Ronald Reagan is leading with 42 percent of the votes over Democratic incumbent Jimmy Carter and Independent John Anderson in the category of foreign policy. Several people commented about Anderson that they felt he would lead our nation into a war with Iran, while others stated that Carter would probably continue to not do much of anything.

Carter, as he was four years ago, is still the most trusted of the candidates with a two percent lead over Reagan. One woman commented, "I guess Carter would be my choice because even though he doesn't seem to have done that much so far, at least he makes a good show of being honest." Although Carter does have the majority of the SAC voters' trust, 30 percent adamantly declared that they could not place their faith in any of the candidates.

Even though economists have pronounced that Reagan's tax proposal would upset the economy, 39 percent of SAC registrants feel he has the best policies, compared to Carter and Anderson.

When asked who people would like to see as President of the U.S., a surprising nine percent gave Richard Nixon's name as their No. 1 choice. These people felt that though Watergate should not be dismissed, Nixon was basically a good President, and that he had a good foreign policy.

Gerald Ford also received nine votes in this category. The consensus of opinion was that he would be a good President because he is "consistent," as one man put it.

Most students, in this category either didn't know of any or thought that all the "good ones are dead." Many unusual responses were given for this question, but the list is too extensive to name them all. Following are a few of the outstanding ones: Billy Carter, SAC political science instructor Fred Mabbutt, Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Snoopy (very popular answer).

Judging from the gathered statistics, it appears that most people aren't really sure of the candidates or the issues at this point in time. The debates and the campaigns will be the deciding factors in how the "undecideds" will eventually choose.



"I'm voting for Reagan, anyone but Carter, because it's time we had a change."

Gary Rozsa
sports medicine major

4. Who do you feel has the best domestic policy?

Reagan - 29
Carter - 31
Anderson - 20
Clark - 3

No Response - 17

5. Who do you feel has the best economic policy?

Reagan - 39
Carter - 22
Anderson - 17
Clark - 2
No Response - 20



"I'd vote for Nixon. Everyone does something wrong, he just got caught at it. I think we need a woman candidate, she might do a better job than the others."

— Donna Weihebrink



"I want to keep my eyes and ears open. I don't want to make the wrong move."

— Lou Lantigua
asst. to learning disabled

POLL RESULTS

1. Are you going to vote in November?

Yes - 71
No - 20
Maybe - 9

2. Who would you vote for?

Reagan - 28
Carter - 21
Anderson - 16
Clark - 3
None of the above - 5
Undecided - 27

3. Who, of all the candidates, do you feel has the best foreign policy?

Reagan - 42
Carter - 25
Anderson - 11
Clark - 2
No Response - 20

Poll conducted by Les Davenport, Kitty Pavlish and Vicki Rolls.

6. Which of the candidates do you feel you can trust the most?

Reagan - 19
Carter - 29
Anderson - 17
None of the Above - 30
Same Degree of Trust - 5

7. Of all living politicians, running or not, who would you like to see be President of the U.S.?

Don't Know - 29
None Alive - 13
Nixon - 9
Ford - 9
Others - 40

Letters

To the Editor

Work-study

In regard to the letter last week (el Don, Sept. 19, 1980) about work-study, I am also upset about the way eligibility is determined.

I am an Apache Indian from the reservation in New Mexico. I am a single woman raising a child on very little income.

I came to this state for a better chance, but find I might have to leave here if I can't get work-study.

Why should people who were in this country first be considered last for these benefits?

I feel my need for financial aid is just as great as the foreign students.

Gabrialita Rosie Gavaldon

SAC Police

A Santa Ana College policeman pulled me over because he said I ran a stop sign. I expected the usual questions one gets, but the security officer asked me for my phone number, where I worked, and other such questions I felt were unimportant and not "basic procedure." I explained to the officer that I was five minutes late for class and he started writing down the color of my dress, sweater, shoes, age, hair color, etc. on the back of a green card. I ended up being 20 minutes late for my class.

Is all the information he recorded basic procedure? I don't want to complain, but he didn't even write me a ticket for running the stop sign.

Name withheld by request



Student questions bookstore operation

We are responding to Mr. Tom Goodwin's questions regarding the Bookstore -

1. The Don Bookstore is district owned.

2. Books are fair trade items with the price established by the publisher. The Don Bookstore would welcome comparative

textbook shopping with our neighboring college bookstores.

3. In most cases supply prices are very comparable with Sav-on prices. Any chain store such as Sav-on, Zody's, K-Mart, etc. has a larger buying power and so can sell cheaper. However, surveys conducted by students in past

years have been most favorable to Don Bookstore. Many times our sheet count on notebooks is higher, quality of paper better, etc.

4. The buy-back policy is the same one employed by all community and state colleges in California - one-half of the current new price.

The used price on the shelf is determined by three-quarters of the current new price. A book could depreciate after one week if the book was mistreated or written in. Even writing one's name in a book depreciates it to a used book and must be sold as a used book.

5. The Bookstore net profit for 1979-80 was \$133,000.00. The 1980-81 budget is \$113,500.00. This budget is used to support both Men's and Women's Athletics, Student Activities, programs and Special Events, Band, Ensemble, Choir, Drama, Forensics, Pep Squad, el Don, A.G.S., Phi Theta Kappa.

In reply to Mr. Goodwin's statement regarding technical instruments, we would like to advise technical instruments are not handled by the Bookstore as each new instructor has brand preferences and it would be impossible to keep returning and changing merchandise to meet the approval of the instructor. The same is true of art supplies as each instructor has his or her preferences and we would have to carry as many paper and paint supplies as Aaron Brothers.

Marge Stuart
Ron Sabo

Apathy and ignorance turn society elitist

by Kitty Pavlish

America -- Land of the free! What do those words really mean? Do they, in fact, symbolize anything anymore?

The concept of individual freedom for Americans, expressed so aptly in our Constitution, is beginning to appear farcical. This is especially true concerning the right of the people to elect their own representatives, namely the President.

According to the *New York Times*, only 56 percent of U.S. citizens bothered to cast their ballots in 1976. Comparatively speaking, that is the lowest percentage of almost all other voting nations in the entire world! What happened to the patriotism, the love for one's country which was so prevalent in the days of the Revolution, a time when men sacrificed their lives for a dream of democracy, a dream of liberty and freedom?

Is that, in truth, all it was? A vision? Are liberty and freedom simply pleasant-sounding words for one to warble on one's tongue? Have people lost faith in the government so totally, so irrevocably that even something as important as the choosing of the nation's leader has become a chore rather than a source of pride?

Many excuses for not voting can be found if one looks long and diligently enough. Indeed, they will most assuredly find you if you wait a sufficient amount of time. There are the non-voters who will expound that

the number of issues to be up on is simply too devastating and that an attempt to keep up is an exercise in insanity.

Then there are those who will attack the entire political system and proclaim it a failure or flop, which smacks and smarts rather than glides them through troubled waters.

Last, but certainly not least, comes the "I-hate-politics" clique who virtually refuses to give a thought one way or another to the presidential elections.

To those who simply don't care, I must ask -- "If not you, then whom?" Whose responsibility is it? Your neighbor's? Your friend's? Mayhaps your dog's or cat's?

Let us be realistic. If *everyone* thought that it was someone else's duty to participate in voting, how would our leaders ever get chosen? Hypothetically, the voter turnout would undoubtedly consist of fellow politicians, which could, in turn, lead to a monarchial or dictatorial society.

Hopefully the problem of apathy in America won't become so outlandish as to change this imaginary scene into one of reality, where another Hitler reigns.

Abraham Lincoln summed it up rather well in Gettysburg Address five-score and 16 years ago -- "... that this nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

I would hope, under God, that it shall have a rebirth of care and involvement come Nov. 4.

Disco dies; redneck s

Hats off to the American cowboy

by Sandy Williams

Southern Cal has become a corral for the herd of people who have been lassoed into the Country-Western scene, but these are only pseudo or drugstore cowboys as they are called by the genuine cowhand.

A trip to the now famous Gilley's of Texas was not feasible on the *el Don's* budget so I set out on a quest to seek an authentic cowboy to supply me with first hand knowledge to aid in this storywriting task.

What is a real cowboy? Does he wear Jordache jeans? Does he always wear a cowboy hat?

All decked out in my country duds, I began my search for an actual cow handler who had earned the title "Cowboy," by being a real ranch hand, herding cattle, stringing barbed wire, branding, riding in a rodeo and of course being a "two-stepper."

Amidst the whole mess of discos which have "country'd out," I happened to discover that Santa Ana has its own "Home on the range --" type honky tonk which goes by the name "Wild West Hare."

The "Hare," as it is called by its patrons, demonstrates living proof that there are, in fact, real live cowboys right here in California. I know, because I was there.

It was like sitting around the fire for me as Cornflake told me his stories of cowboy life, of riding bulls and drinking anything from

shots of "Southern Comfort" to vodka.

"Cowboys are themselves," he told me, "not out to impress anyone." He said they're all very down-to-earth people and I believed him. "We're an honest breed."

"No, cowboys don't always wear their hat, but the hat fits their head," he commented as he clenched the bottle of beer between two fingers.

"It's bad luck to sit your hat down with the brim on the table," he explained as he removed his and placed it brim up on his lap to show me the various pins which decorated his head ornament.

"I wear my hat all the time -- only take it off when I go to bed," Cornflake expounded.

"A cowboy has at least three hats -- one for work, one for dress and one for partying in." Its rim can be encircled with a variety of things; bands made from feathers of a crow or turkey, even rattlesnake skins.

"The Hare has been here for seven years now," according to the manager, who everybody just calls "Mom." (I could see why.)

"They wear work jeans, they ride the bulls and shovel the shit, this is their life," Mom said. "They drink their beer here and tell their stories."

"Yes, I do enjoy it."

"Cowboys have a lot of respect for their women" Mom continued. "They won't stand by and watch a man hit a woman."

"But, the cowboy hats don't

make the man," she insists.

"The songs have feeling to them. It's country dancin' -- the beat's there and you can dance to it," the Hare's owner stated.

I switched my attention to the dance floor where the oldtimers kicked their boots up to the tunes of "Prime Time." They called it the San Antonio Stroll, Four Corners, The Cowboy Waltz and that, of course, is the two-step. They did their steps with ease. Like a carousel, they made their way around the floor in one big circle, yelling out their chants of "when I die I'll go to Texas" and "Everybody loves a cowboy."

In my search to define a true cowboy, I consulted his cohort, the cowboy's girl.

"Now Billy Dean right over there, he's a cowboy," the local Dale Evans said as she directed my attention to the pool table.

"How can you tell?" I asked her.

"Well for one thing, he's bow-legged," she laughed.

"Well, I can tell ya who ain't one and that's these drugstore cowboys. They're a dime a dozen. They put their fancy jeans and boots on, and it's like a masquerade party. They all got on masks."

The time came to leave this cowboy's world though and the band played its usual closing number, "God Bless America." Everyone stood, removed their hats and proudly joined in song.

These, my friends, are real cowboys.



WHAT DUDS! -- When the once neon-lighted Crescendo changed its dying disco image to the now popular western scene and became the *Cowboy*, Angel Flights and silk dressess disappeared to allow the more casual blue jeans to dominate. Below are Dawn Carroll and Allen Williams, frequent visitors to the renovated night club. Their dress resembles that of what California calls the "Drugstore Cowboy." The new breed prefers the more sophisticated look of Jordache rather than true cowboy Levis. The *Cowboy* has booths such as the boot shine (left).

(photos by Mike Schwartz)

Texas border slides across Pacific Coast; Stetson changed image of Jordache jeans

by Laura Mencum

It was John Travolta who started disco fever with his three-piece Angel Flights and his complicated boogie steps in *Saturday Night Fever*.

And just about the time disco began to die, Travolta reappeared on the screen, this time in denim jeans, boots and a much more simplified dance called the Texas two-step in *Urban Cowboy*. The No. 1 Sweathog had once again pushed a fad upon the American scene.

The borders of Texas shifted across the Pacific Coast as western apparel flooded California. But the new cowboys are not dressed as true cowboys. "Instead, they're buying designer jeans," Billy Lopez, employee at Freddie's Western Wear in Orange, said. "A real cowboy wouldn't be seen in Jordache Jeans."

West Coast designers have taken the cowboy image and duded it up with California style. "They're wearing blouses with appliques, embroidery designs and satin materials," Lois Cathers, manager of Freddie's Western Wear, said. "This type of clothing can go anywhere," she added. It's not just for hoedowns and rodeos.

Atop of that grown-out disco haircut now sits a brand new Stetson. "It starts with the hat," Cathers, whose business has increased since the craze, noted. She mentioned that women are "decorating their hats with feather bands." Some people even go to the extremes of adding expensive turquoise and silver to their head gear.

And as any John Wayne fan knows, the outfit isn't complete without a top notch pair of boots. "People are buying expensive, exotic skin boots," Eric Kimbro, a two-year employee of Nation-Wide Boots in Orange, said. "Pointed toes and fancy stitchings are most popular," he added.

"We've been selling western boots long before this craze," Kimbro pointed out, "but before we sold mostly to older men who probably owned ranches in the hills. Now everybody's buying western boots just to go out in."

Cathers suggests that purchasing a good pair of boots is worth the money. "Compared to shoes, boots have a lot more leather and they're made sturdier."

"People feel more comfortable (in western clothes)," Lopez commented. "It's a lot more casual."

"We hope it lasts at least two years," Cathers anticipates for the Texas look, pointing out that California finally skunked Europe. Fads usually start there (Europe), then go to New York and then to us," she commented.

Although SAC student Jeff Riddle likes the remodeled cowboy he thinks it might be exaggerated. "It's a little overplayed," he said referring to the fancy extras.

"As long as it takes over disco," SAC student Kimbro explained, "I hope it lasts quite awhile."

Kimbro, who thinks fads are too commercial, said, "I think I'll write to John Travolta to find out what his next movie is so I can get in on it."



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by Julie M

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The Mechanical Bull:

A good time or a pain in the neck?

by Alice Casbara

Stepping out of the crowded western atmosphere, a half-drunk "cowboy" of undersized proportions approaches Ron Behr, main operator of the Bull at "The Cowboy" in Anaheim. Have you ever ridden it before?" asks Behr.

"Hell yeah! I've ridden a real bull! Put the setting on 10!"

Tony Ferro, assistant bull operator does so with a definite look of amusement as the "experienced cowboy" crawls up on the bucking machine.

Grasping the handle firmly with one hand and his hat lofted high in the air with the other, the rider holds on for dear life. Within three seconds, the make-believe bronc-buster is thrown from his saddle onto his bottom, no doubt feeling a bit embarrassed as spectators begin to snicker.

"We teach people respect for the bull," says Ferro. "That bull can throw anyone!"

"Sometimes we just don't have time -- they learn," Behr adds with a grin.

With such Western-type nightclubs multiplying, the Bull is becoming yet another attraction in a Southern California now brimming with urban cowboys and cowgirls who want to test their courage.

"The Bull, which runs at 80 bucks a minute at a speed of 10, is used for the regular rodeo ringers to train on and improve their form and technique," said Ferro.

A dollar and a signature on a release form that protects the club from liability (and maybe a prayer or two) will allow any person to take on the mechanical critter for 13 seconds.

"The whole idea is to relax, get into your natural body movement, go with the buck, and don't try to stop your fall," Ferro said.

Speeds are set anywhere from 1 to 10. Women usually begin on a setting of 5 and men on 7.

Ann Kringlie, day bartender at "The Ranch" in Garden Grove, says "you ride the bull just like the real rodeo riders."

"You're supposed to kick the front of the bull with your heels, (where your spurs would be) to make the bull buck higher and keep one hand in the air," Kringlie said. "The more the bull bucks the more points you get, and if your hand comes down you lose points," she added.

Sound safe and easy? According to Carl Ferrill, a SAC football coach who grew up in Texas and rode the real thing, it's not nearly as dangerous.

Although you tumble down onto foam rubber, there are a few former riders who say they're still sore and refuse to experience the jolts and jerks of the bull again.

Phil Broccolo of Anaheim said he wasn't sore until the next day. "I'm pretty athletic, but because of the whipping of the turns and the bouncing, you can really hurt your groin muscles."

Palm Harbor General Hospital has had four cases of bull riders coming in with neck and back pains, but none were admitted.

Still more city folks continue to challenge the bull. And as people walk out of the pit saying, "That was fun" or "Cakewalk," you may also hear (as a reporter did) men say to their wives, "Well, honey, you really didn't want to have kids, did ya?"



HOLD ON, HOLD OUT -- (at left) Cowboy keeps his balance on the fast-bucking mechanical bull.



(above) Bull rider learns why he had to sign a release before mounting the thing.

(photos by Pete Maddox)

Country music brings back down home fun

by Julie Michael

The cowboy trend has risen from the ashes of dying disco and is finding satisfaction with the punk rock scene.

People, tired of the glitter and plastic of the seventies, love the down-home fun of country music. In urban areas around the country, the idea is catching on faster than anything since the Beatles.

Nearly everyone owns a cowboy hat or boots, and country music is rising daily in popularity. Willie Nelson is an example of this sudden change in people's tastes. He's been in country music for years, but it took the cowboy trend and the movie *Hombre* to make him well known among the general public.

Popular radio has been affected by the changing times as well. KJLH, which for years has been a Top 40 station, will be switching to contemporary country music by the time in October. And a local station, KORJ, went country just a month ago.

Because of the amount of city folks becoming cowboys, central Orange County's country music scene is doing an overwhelming business. And for good reason.

People are discovering that country-swing is foot-stomping, clapping, good-time music. Most folks, when asked, felt that the popularity could be

attributed to the fact that the music is played at a lower volume, therefore creating less tension among the audience.

The Crazy Horse Steak House, one of the county's top spots, has featured country-swing music since its opening. The saloon, which features live entertainment six days and seven nights a week, resembles an Old West bar in every way possible.

They have a show every day during Happy Hour with a second act beginning the evening entertainment at 8:30. In coming months, the Crazy Horse will host such country performers as Hoyt Axton and Johnny Paycheck. The Crazy Horse is located near the Dyer Road exit off the Newport (55) Freeway.

The Crazy Horse will sponsor an Urban Cowboy Rodeo Benefit Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Cure Paralysis Foundation and the OC Crippled Children's Riding Association.

The benefit, which will be held outside, promises to be fun for everyone. There will be stunt men, rodeo stars, bucking bronco machines, pony rides for the kids and three bands for entertainment and dancing. During the rodeo, there will be a Ray Price concert inside the saloon.

The newest sensation in country bars is The Cowboy. A renovation of the Crescendo, a club whose

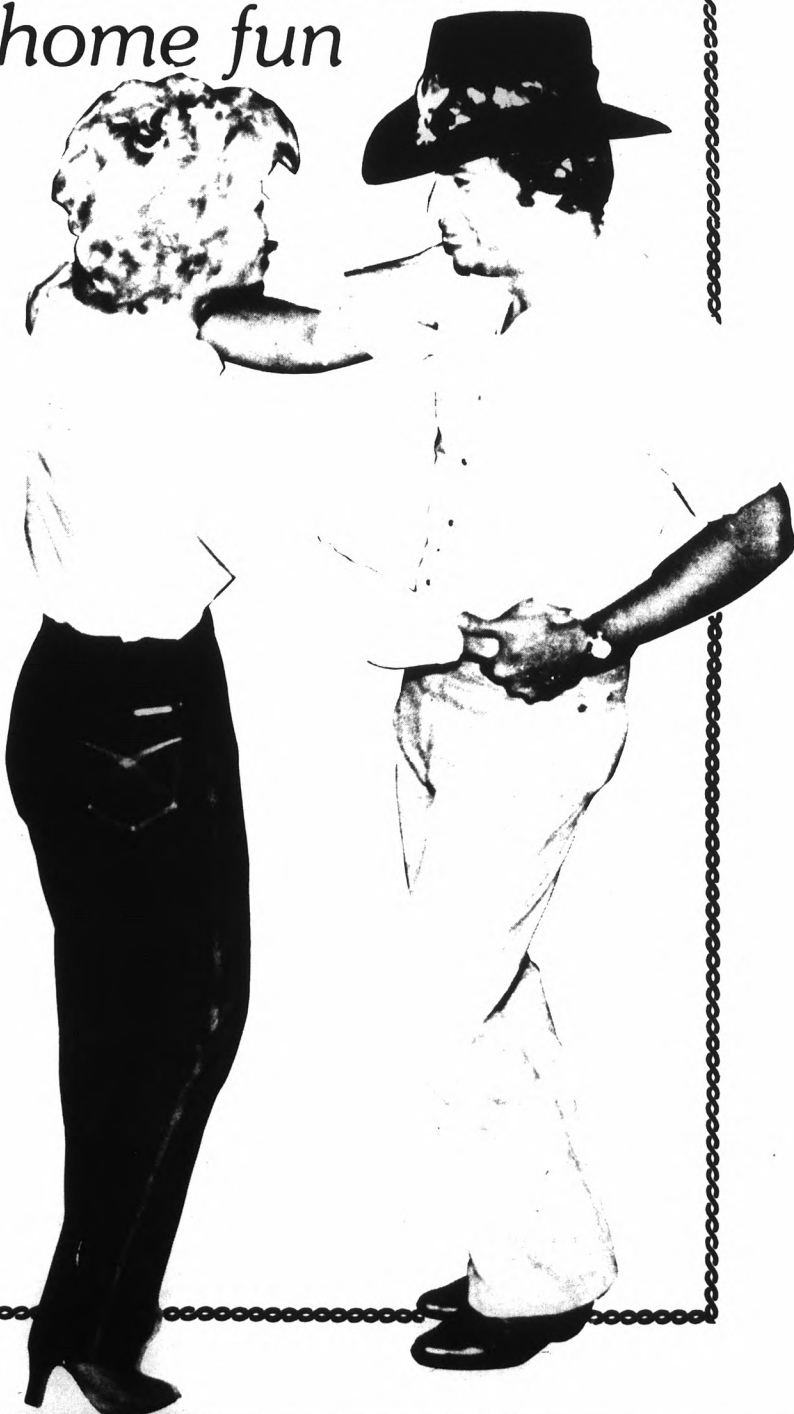
popularity died with disco. The Cowboy is popular for its large dance floor and variety of happenings. And they sell everything imaginable in the way of cowboy garb. Another item of interest is their cowboy limousine, which looks just like a stagecoach, and is rentable for \$50 an hour.

Tuesday at The Cowboy is Ladies' Night and Wednesday is Sadie Hawkins Night, when all men who refuse to dance are put in jail. Two bands perform on Friday and Saturday nights, and Sunday features the Country Jam, which consists of five bands. The Cowboy is located on Manchester Avenue near the Katella exit off the Santa Ana (5) Freeway.

Mondays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Cowboy holds dance classes. These are free to anyone wishing to learn country dances such as the 2-step and the cotton-eye-joe. The dances are considered fun and easy to learn by people who take the classes.

SAC will jump into the trend by offering classes in country swing on Friday nights thru Oct. 10 in G-108. Next semester there will be a square dancing class. For more information on these SAC classes, refer to the Community Services Program guide.

Nearly everyone seems happy with the cowboy trend. It doesn't really offend anyone and it is very "American." Many people hope it will be around for a long time.



CURTIS: Trainer initiates sports medicine program into SAC's curriculum

by Dave Cooper

WANTED: Conscientious man or woman to fill demanding position. Must have background in psychology, medicine and athletics. Applicant should be willing to put in long hours and withstand complaints from those you serve. Salary \$800-1,400 a month depending on experience.

It's not a job many would want, but SAC Sports Medicine Instructor George Curtis is trying to help those who do. All the qualifications above, are just some of those needed during an average day as an athletic trainer.

After spending nine years in his post as the trainer at Santa Ana, Curtis has finally realized a long-time goal. Through the cooperation of the college hierarchy, the 33-year-old Southern Utah State and Brigham Young graduate has begun a degree program in sports medicine at SAC.

"I first asked about starting a program in 1972, (his second year with the Dons), but I didn't get the support I needed," Curtis reminisced of his first attempt. But after preparing for eight more years, he finally received the go-ahead this season.

"To my knowledge we're the first junior college to incorporate the basic training class and lab into a degree program," Curtis explained proudly, "but it took the support of the coaching staff, (SAC President) Bill Wenrich, and the Board of Education, to make it a reality. They've all been super in upgrading the program and the facilities we employ."

Dedication seems to be the key term when looking at the qualifications of a trainer, something Curtis has plenty of as evidenced by his 500 hours of overtime last year alone. If this is the case, how did he find time to teach, take care of the athletes and finish his recently completed book on athletic training?

"You have to be organized and have goals," Curtis explained. "Plus I finally got a full-time assistant in Gennie De Couto and she's been a great help."

Besides taking some of the everyday duties off Curtis' load in the taping and examination of athletes, DeCouto has helped in other areas as well. "In the year and 25 days Genni has been here, I've been able to write my book and create the new program," Curtis remarked in praise of the diminutive woman who serves as assistant trainer.

"She's helped me in many areas including correcting my grammar in the book and taking care of some of the more technical paperwork." But don't get the idea that DeCouto is just a secretary, for Curtis regards her as just what his title implies. She is the head trainer's No. 1 assistant in all areas.



BUSY, BUSY -- SAC trainer George Curtis shows that taping is not all there is to his job. Here he adjusts lineman Don Tialavea's equipment prior to a recent football workout. (photo by Mike Schwartz)



ADDED PROTECTION -- Clayborne Ferguson gets the treatment from assistant trainer Gennie De Couto.

(photo by Mike Schwartz)

Although he was always associated with sports, Curtis took a round-about way to achieve his present standing.

"I was a Physical Education major in college (Southern Utah) my junior year," Curtis recalled. "I was on a track scholarship at the school and I became aware of the need for qualified trainers."

Unfortunately for Curtis, a lot of the need was his, thanks to numerous injuries to his knee. It was during this time that one of his maladies was misdiagnosed. "I've had six surgeries on my knee since then," Curtis reflected, almost jokingly bringing back memories of the old boxer looking at his manager and saying, "I couldn't been a contender."

However, there is no bitterness to be found in the SAC's trainer, as he has seemingly located his niche in life. He cares about the college's teams and more importantly its athletes. "I honestly think I'd lose sleep if I didn't use my talent to help others," said Curtis.

The undergraduate requirements for the degree are fairly tough and are designed to weed out those not willing to devote the time and effort. Courses are mandatory in anatomy, physiology, exercise, psychology, first aid, nutrition, health and diet, along with a minimum of 600 clock hours of work credit performed under a certified trainer.

Fortunately for Curtis he now has verbal agreements with Chapman's Monty Smith, Cal State Fullerton's Jerry Lloyd and Dan Bailey to accept recommended transfers into the respective school's programs. As Curtis said "It doesn't do any good to train people at SAC if they have nowhere to go when they get out."

So now the training program is starting to boom here at Santa Ana, thanks mainly to George Curtis' tenacity and dedication. Despite the occasional squabbles with coaches over injuries he seems genuinely happy.

His book will soon become the accepted text for the course and he is very proud of the responsibility given him. Doctors respect his evaluation of injuries, and take them into consideration as they prepare treatment.

One quote that Curtis displays openly on the outer wall of his office sums up his philosophy. It's by John Ruskin and says, "The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it."

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Footballers trip to Taft to open 1980 grid season

by Dave Cooper

It's not the best situation to be in.

That's the problem coach Tim Mills faces as he takes his untried football Dons up to battle Taft tonight at 7:30. The Cougars blasted Fresno 45-21 in what their head coach Al Baldock called a "sloppily played game." However, any of their bad play can be corrected while SAC goes in only having scrimmage experience, a fact Mills is well aware of.

"We're still trying to polish our game," Mills remarked as he prepared to put Santa Ana through its final paces. "But the guys are anxious to play and we'll be ready Saturday."

Injuries have been a factor already with the loss of David Sii earlier in the year and the recent loss of starting fullback Randy Bauer to shoulder surgery.

While the Dons may be able to replace the starters physically, Mills is more worried about their affect on the mental aspect of the game. "When a player is a starter it can hurt later in the season," Mills remarked. "(When the pressure is on) it might affect leadership more than anything else."

Taft's Baldock has the home field and experience advantage, but the Cougars' coach, now in his 19th year, is "still looking for the guys who can play." The veteran discounts his preseason ranking (No. 9 in the Southland) as "diddleysquat." "Preseason doesn't mean anything," Baldock said matter-of-factly. "You could be the worst team or you could be the best."

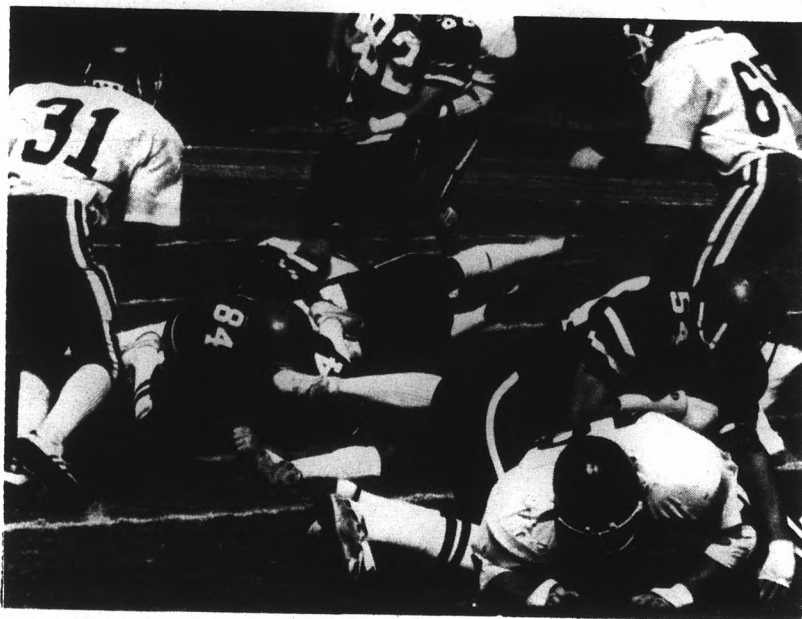
Starting Lineup

TAFT

Offense:	Defense:
QB Adams	LE Saldiver
HB O'Brien	RE Hebert
FB Shea	LT Boehler
HB Gilbreath	RT Sheehan
LE Wheatley	NG Clore
RE Parsons	LLB Gaddy
LT Simpson	RLB Gray
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QB Brown	RE Harris
TB Smith	NG Hernandez
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TE Jacoby	LB Ehlers
RT Tucker	LB Parker
RG Felix	HB Hollins
C Mammeli	HB Fisher
LT Tialavea	S Monnahan
LG Gnesda	S Byars



READY FOR TAFT -- If this hard-hitting action from the scrimmage Long Beach is any indication, the 1980 Dons will be ready to roll tomorrow at Taft. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. (photo by Mike Schwartz)

Mills echoed Baldock's thoughts by saying, "Everybody goes into the first game not knowing what you have." If we're ranked fourth, there must not be many good teams around."

Despite both coaches' pessimistic outlook, the game looks to be a good matchup. Santa Ana, featuring Darryl Smith at tailback, appears to have the more wide open and varied offense, while Taft depends heavily on the run. Last year Taft ran nearly 80 percent of the time in losing to the Dons and Baldock feels they are still "about the same" as far as their dependence on rushing.

Fullback Eric Shea (6-2, 215) leads the Taft offense on the ground, with quarterback Fred Adams controlling the air. Other

Cougar players to watch include left cornerback Drew Epstein, right tackle Pat Sheehan (6-2, 200), offensive end Mike Parsons and 5-10, 175-pound halfback Charles Gilbreath.

The Dons, meanwhile, will continue to rely on Smith and the passing arm of Steve Brown. A question mark when the season began, Brown has improved his game in recent weeks including throwing a TD pass in the scrimmage two weeks ago against Long Beach.

The defensive line will be counted upon heavily. The Don linebackers are inexperienced, so the front four will be responsible for holding Taft's rushing game in check.



LET 'ER RIP -- Sean Blair lets one fly in preparation for the big game. Steve Brown will start at quarterback for the Dons, but Blair, Bob Frasco and Tim Rotell provide able backups.

(photo by Mike Schwartz)

Two grididders honored in All-American poll

by Dave Cooper

Pre-season plaudits continued to roll in for the SAC football squad this week when two Dons received All-American mention.

Jesse Hernandez, a 6-2, 210-pound, defensive lineman was selected to the first team, while running back Darryl Smith gained recognition as an honorable mention.

Hernandez had 42 unassisted tackles, 24 assisted take downs, and four quarterback sacks during the '79 season.

"Jesse is not blessed with great ability, but always manages to get the job done," said his coach, Tim Mills. "He's the type of player you never know is on the team until a game situation, then everyone knows."

Smith, meanwhile, led the South Coast Conference in rushing last season with 758 yards on 150 carries. Possibly one of the most exciting backs in Santa Ana College history, he has reportedly gained 10 pounds for the upcoming schedule without losing any speed.

"The thing that Darryl has going for him is his versatility," said Mills. "He is not only an excellent runner, he can catch the ball, throw it off the halfback option

and return punts and kickoffs."

Earlier in the year the Dons received two team "awards." The 1980 squad was tabbed by the SCC Sports Information Directors as the team to beat in the race for the title crown. In addition, SAC was tabbed as the fourth best squad in Southern California.

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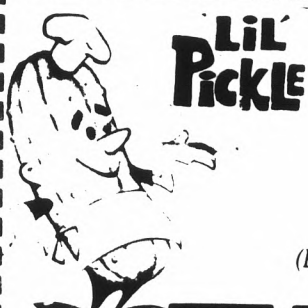
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Volleyball tourney slated tomorrow

by Dave Cooper

Coming off two opening losses to College of the Canyons and Golden West, Coach Nancy Warren will get at least eight chances tomorrow to improve on her record as she hosts the 1980 Santa Ana College Fellowship Tourney.

"We hold this tournament at the beginning of the year so the teams involved can see what's happening," Warren explained. "We run it like a practice so the coaches can make corrections in their game."

Pool 1 will feature volleyball teams from Cypress, Grossmont, Ventura, Reedley and El Camino College.

Pool 2 will have Rio Hondo, Long Beach Community College, Antelope Valley, Riverside and our own Donas.

Pool 3 consists of LA Harbor, Cerritos, Cuesta, Victor Valley and Saddleback.

Pool 4 has East LA College, L.A. Pierce, Mira Costa, Glendale and Orange Coast.

Finally pool 5 brings L.A. City College, Santa Monica, College of the Canyons, Citrus and Fullerton into competition.

The top two finishers from each pool after the round-robin play, will advance to a single elimination playoff. One 15-point game will determine those who get to continue. The games within the pools will be kept on the two-matches-won format.

Since a squad can play more than 10 games in the single day event, which starts at 9 a.m., one can bet the competitors' strength will be tapped. "It builds



SLAM DUNK --Sizzling spikes like this should be plentiful during tomorrow's exciting, all day volleyball tournament.

(photo by Tim Rosnagle)

endurance," remarked Warren of her tournament. "It continues to fill up every year."

Many teams were turned away this year for lack of space, despite the fact that the marathon is not designed as a money maker. Under the leadership of Tourney Director C.R. Ignacio, the competition has served as a standard to judge teams early, while the wins or losses don't count on the schedule.

Warren continues to see lots of improvement despite the early losses. "The whole group is progressing at a steady pace," she added. Sandy Callahan and Susie Bernal have the most experience on the team and are counted on to provide leadership, a task Warren feels they can handle and handle well.

Coop's scoops

Sports tragedy sours fan

by Dave Cooper

The other night as I sat up watching the late night sports report, I learned something terrible about myself.

The revelation came as I viewed the highlights of the Johnny Owen-Lupe Pintor bout and I cheered as Pintor clobbered Owen into submission and loudly said "boom" as the challenger hit the canvas. I didn't realize it then, but I may have seen Johnny Owen die.

It didn't seem to be that big a deal as they lifted Owen up and onto the stretcher. It didn't seem like that big of a deal that his muscular body, that only a few rounds before had been strong and

sturdy, now lay there unmoving and limp.

The bad news came the next day. Owen, having undergone more than four hours of brain surgery, was lying in a hospital in critical condition. Suddenly the memory of the previous night's television viewing came to me, and I felt guilty.

I remembered the feeling and realized I had liked what I had seen then and during countless highlights before. The bloody stick fights between hockey players, the jarring collisions of football and the John Montefusco's popping the helmets off the Reggie Smith's in baseball. Yes I had liked them all. Hell, I loved 'em.

But it took a no-name boxer like Owen to break me of this

dangerous habit. It took his head being snapped back into an unnatural position to cure me of a cancer doctors would have been hardpressed to find. And it took his body which "collapsed in pieces" to tell me I had to change.

The day after the fight there were many winners. Lupe Pintor had shown his fighting prowess to be among the best as he came out the victor. The legions of Pintor fans, who jeered and taunted an unhearing Owen as he was carried away, were winners too, for they had seen their man triumph. I was a check in the "W" column, for what I had gained, but the victory was a hollow one.

The only real loser that day was Owen, the nondescript fighter who finally made the sports page.

Harriers travel to Fullerton; take on Hornets, S.D. Mesa

by Dave Cooper

Five women finished among the top 50 percent while the men, led by No. 1 runner Dave Ruble, copped fifth in team standings as the SAC cross country teams competed in the Moorpark Invitational last weekend.

"We ran a good race," men's coach Al Siddons remarked of his charges. "We had teams that made for good competition (at Moorpark)."

Ruble came in 14th overall in the 10-squad meet in 20:35, with Dean Unger winding up with a time of 21:32 and Lance Hardy finishing in 21:54.

The team has not reached its peak, according to Siddons, rather he is looking at the late season playoff's as the time for the unit to reach its optimum level. Despite this, the coach feels his team can beat

both Fullerton and San Diego Mesa in today's 3:30 p.m. tri-meet at the former's home field.

While the men were taking fifth, the women pulled down sixth in their 17-team, 91-individuals, race. Tracee May captured 11th with Kathy Laub taking 15th; Karen Menge, 31st; Kelli Evans, 34th; and Sabrina Garza finished 39th.

"The girls ran exceptionally well for early season," women's head mentor Ron May commented. "They are ready for the conference duals starting today (against Mesa and Fullerton also)."

The men continue to run 10 to 15 miles a day to prepare for their four-mile races in addition to lifting weights regularly. The women have not had a chance to start their weight program, but they too are running the long distances daily for the three-mile jaunts that they race.

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